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1. Approximately twenty-five former Anti-Fascist Peoples' Freedom League (AFPFL) Members of Parliament, and approximately twenty AFPFL branches outside of Rangoon have joined the Burma Workers and Peasants Party (B.W.P.P.). About five hundred people attended the B.W.P.P. meeting on 31 December 1950 at Pandala Square. U AUNG TIAN, brother of U AUNG SAN, was the first speaker, although denying he was aligned with the group. Many B.W.P.P. adherents are graduates of Rangoon University. The Party is making a considerable effort to propagandize among the rural people. It has dispatched representatives to Prome to negotiate with the People's Democratic Front.
2. THEIN PE MYINT, well-known author, former professor at Rangoon University, and supporter of the B.W.P.P., also appeared at the meeting of 31 December 1950.* U KYAW SEIN, who holds a B.A. degree and has worked with the National Planning Board, is another prominent supporter of the B.W.P.P.**
3. The strength of the new B.W.P.P. is far from inconsequential and is of major concern to the Government of Burma (GOB). U PA SHEE, Secretary General of the AFPFL, condemned the action of the dissidents. The AFPFL severed all relations with the B.W.P.P. The Socialist Party (Burma) (SP(B)) forbade their guerrilla units to associate with the B.W.P.P., but ordered any units which joined the new party to return their arms to the SP(B).***

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25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] reported that THEIN PE MYINT wrote a series of articles for the press in which he advocated for Burma a United National Front connected with the anti-imperialist bloc headed by Soviet Russia and headed by a political party having as its example the Stalin-Lenin Bolshevik Party based on Marxism, agrarian revolution and a People's Army like the Chinese Liberation Army. Another of his articles extolled the Sino-Soviet Pact. He took a prominent part in celebrations staged by the China Democratic League (Burma) in honor of the Sino-Soviet Pact.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. A report from an independent agency dated 10 March 1950 stated that U KYAW SEIN attended a meeting called by

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the Chinese Shop Employees Association and other Chinese unions to celebrate the signing of the Sino-Soviet Pact, and that he was considered close to the Communists.

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*** Comment. The COB may issue warrants for the arrest of BPP members for illegally organizing a political party.

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